

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight. Tuesday fair, with light to moderate northwesterly winds.

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TRIBUTE IS PAID TO THE MEMORY OF SOLDIER DEAD

Decoration Day Exercises Held in All the Cemeteries of National Capital.

FLAGS AND FLOWERS ARE PLACED ABOVE GRAVES

Four Senators Among Speakers Who Voice the Nation's Homage.

THE PROGRAM AT ARLINGTON

Shaft Erected by the Colonial Dames to the Dead of the War With Spain Is Dedicated.

Memorial day, 1910.

This day has been consecrated by the American people to its patriotic soldier and sailor dead. With it there is much that is inspiring, much that is pathetic and much that is revered. It is a cold nature that could look today upon the rapidly thinning lines of veterans of the civil war as the venerable fighting men of another century marched over the streets of Washington with no strings of patriotism at the visible reminder of the cost of the Union, and no pity for the age that has crept upon the vigor of its preservers.

The thin blue line that proceeded to Arlington and other sleeping places of the soldier dead in this vicinity brought upon the focus of memory views of the awful harvest of death in the sixties and since—the fearful price paid in human lives for the inestimable boon of national individuality.

Half a million boys in blue were slain in battle or died of wounds, disease, or in prison. Since the close of the civil war the death toll of our soldiers has been appalling total of more than 1,000,000, many of them as result of the rigors of service or wounds received on the battle line. To be accurate, the number of deaths since the war has been 1,155,334.

It is at the graves of these heroes that the country is paying grateful homage today, while the survivors of the magnificent infantry of the Grand Army and the troopers of Sheridan, now but the fading shadow of the once great host, lovingly tend the blooms that spring upon the mounds in the cemeteries in the District as well as those in every part of this country.

Forget-Me-Not's Favorite Flower.

The forget-me-not is the favorite flower today. It embraces within its delicate folds both the sentiment, remembrance, and the patriotic blue, that symbolize Memorial day. It is the subject of a memorial hymn written by Dr. Thomas Calver and sung at Arlington today, while Department Commander Henry A. Johnson and other officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Spanish War Veterans at the shaft at Arlington dedicated by the Colonial Dames to the dead of the war with Spain.

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PARADE OF VETERANS AND DISTRICT TROOPS

Opening Event of Memorial Day Gave City a Touch of Color.

The opening event Memorial day was the parade over a short route in the downtown section of the city. Early this morning veterans of the civil war in their uniforms of blue, Spanish War Veterans in their suits of blue and gray, typifying the thorough reunion of the north and south; members of the Army and Navy Union in their neat uniforms; members of the National Guard in their blue and buff uniforms; and members of the District of Columbia in service uniforms and stepping along with the steady swing of regulars, gave the city a military aspect as they proceeded to their several places of rendezvous.

ENTERTAIN MR. ROOSEVELT.

Royal Geographical Society Gives Luncheon for Ex-President. LONDON, May 30.—The Royal Geographical Society entertained Mr. Roosevelt and several other distinguished persons at luncheon today.

REVIEWED BY TAFT

Civil War Veterans Parade in New York.

REGULARS HEAD COLUMN

Sailors, Marines and State Troops Also in the Line.

GENERAL HOLIDAY IN CITY

Services at Grant's Tomb—Sports Take Prominent Part in Afternoon Events.

NEW YORK, May 30.—New York today observed Memorial day not merely with traditional ceremony, but with the unusual honor of the presence in the city of the President of the United States to review the parade of the veterans. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. Enormous crowds were drawn to the streets and avenues through which marched the rapidly thinning ranks of blue and a great host massed about the stand at Soldiers and Sailors' monument, where President Taft watched the Grand Army and kindred organizations pass in review.

As usual, the day was kept as a general holiday, and after the morning's impressive ceremonial was over the city's throngs gave themselves up to recreation in the open. Sports played a prominent part in the program of afternoon events and crowds flocked to the beaches and various pleasure resorts about the suburbs.

Arrival of the President.

President Taft arrived early from Washington and was driven to the home of the late General Grant at 10th street. Breakfast there was followed by a meeting with the other members of the reviewing party and a brief reception at the Sherman Square Hotel. The trip to the reviewing stand was then in order, with the Old Guard as the President's special escort, and a guard of honor comprising the Veteran Corps, Artillery and the Military Society of the War of 1812.

The Parade.

A detachment of regular army men headed the marchers, whose route was shortened so that the singing veterans would be too greatly fatigued by their tramp. Followed by sailors and marines from the battleships Connecticut and Rhode Island, the head of the parade moved up West End avenue to 12th street, and the reviewing party followed on the stand at the monument. The state troops, including the 7th, 12th, 71st and 6th Regiments, followed next, and then came the veterans.

Other Patriotic Ceremonies.

Numerous other ceremonies of a patriotic nature featured the day in the city. These included services at Grant's tomb on Riverside drive by U. S. Grant Post, and decoration of graves of veterans in the cemeteries, while Grand Army exercises were planned for tonight at Carnegie Hall. An interesting civic event of the holiday was the workhorse parade up 6th avenue, a function under the auspices of the woman's auxiliary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. At 10 o'clock the home of Thomas Paine, the Paine national museum was dedicated.

OBSERVED IN THE SOUTH.

Militia Companies Participate in Exercises Conducted by G. A. R.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 30.—Following the custom of the last few years, southern militia companies participated in the Decoration day exercises held under the auspices of the numerous G. A. R. posts throughout the south. At Marietta, Ga., Andersonville, Ga.; Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss., and other places, where thousands of Union soldiers are buried in national cemeteries, the companies were marked with tiny American flags, and appropriate addresses delivered by northern and southern speakers.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT.

Man's Head Almost Severed by Broken Glass.

CLEVELAND, May 30.—Plunging headlong down a flight of stairs and through the window of a door, William Raddatz, thirty-six years old, a steel worker, had his head almost severed from his body by the broken glass yesterday.

CHAMP CLARK 4TH OF JULY ORATOR.

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority leader of the House, will make the principal speech of the Fourth of July Tammany Hall celebration in New York. Mr. Clark will discuss democracy and the political situation generally.

WOMEN TO POISONING

Negro Woman Confesses Attempt at Triple Murder.

ACCUSED HER OF THEFTS

Resented Constant Accusations That She Was Dishonest.

POISON PLACED IN COFFEE

Declares She Was Sorry Afterward, But Feared to Give Warning to Family.

Nellie Clark, the tall, phlegmatic colored woman who is under arrest at the house of detention, admitted to Detective Cornwell yesterday afternoon that she had put rough-on-rats in a canister of coffee in the kitchen of the house of Mrs. Florence D. Barrow of 5 Dupont circle. It was this poison which made Mrs. Barrow and her two daughters, Miss Mary E. Barrow and Miss Florence D. Barrow, seriously ill Saturday immediately after breakfast.

Accused of Thefts.

The Clark woman made her admission in a most matter-of-fact and casual manner after she had been subjected to a long examination by Detective Cornwell. She seemed to have no real sense of the extreme gravity of her offense or of the severe punishment which is provided for it by the penal code of the District. She told her story in an easy, conversational tone without betraying any evidences of emotional feeling.

Locked Door Behind Her.

"Finally she said she wasn't going to talk to me no more and went upstairs where the folks was eatin' dinner. I guess she was afraid I was going to follow her upstairs, cause she locks the door at the top. I couldn't get the key, and when I heard it I got right-down mad. I can't exactly tell you what I did, but I seen one of the folks go in that box of rough-on-rats and dumped it in that coffee can. I was a-lookin' at the folks when they was a-lookin' at me. When I got home I felt sort of sorry for what I'd done, but I was too scared to say a word."

Dozens of Things Missed.

"That woman was a very oily, smooth-tongued person," said she. "She was a splendid servant and an admirable cook, but I am convinced that she was dishonest. We missed dozens of things, and from our knowledge of conditions in the household we knew that she must have taken them, but she always denied her guilt. After I had given her that check and told her she was to be paid, and I ordered payment stopped, but the bank people misunderstood me, because they didn't know that she was the woman. My daughter told her that if she stole back the amount of the check to the bank we would not prosecute her for stealing all the things which she had missed, but that if she refused to do this we would most certainly bring proceedings against her. This angered her, and she began to yell, when her youngest daughter told her to leave the house and came upstairs, locking the door at the top of the stairway to make sure that the woman would not follow her."

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PINCHOT GETS HOME

Former Forester Lands After Seeing Roosevelt Abroad.

TALKS ON CONSERVATION

But Declines to Discuss Controversy With Secretary Ballinger.

FOUND EX-PRESIDENT WELL

Delighted to Know He Is Addressing the Congress of Conservation Associations.

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DONE BY WRECKERS

Sinking of Dewey Probably Work of Conspirators.

HOLE BLOWN IN BOTTOM

That Sinking of Big Dry Dock Was Not Accident.

MURDER IS POLICE THEORY

Left Home for Church on Morning of December 8 and Mysteriously Disappeared.

WRAPPED IN OLD CARPET.

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GIRL'S BODY FOUND

Long Search for Eight-Year-Old Alma Kellner Ended.

ONE OF CHILD'S LEGS HAD BEEN SEVERED FROM HER BODY.

The body was positively identified as that of Alma Kellner by her uncle, Frank Febr, a millionaire brewer of Louisville.

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SENATE PROBE DEEP

Disposed to Go to Bottom of Lorimer Bribery Charges.

RESOLUTION TOO NARROW

Likely to Go Farther Than Proposed by Accused Senator.

MAY WAIT TILL NEXT FALL

Possible That Pending Campaign Will Result in Delaying the Inquiry.

The investigation by the Senate of the charge against Senator Lorimer of Illinois probably will be much more exhaustive than would be possible under the resolution which the Illinois senator introduced. There was considerable discussion today of the proposed investigation, and the opinion was expressed generally that the resolution should be broadened.

Keen Not in City.

Chairman Keen of the committee on contingent expenses was not in the city today. He will be home tomorrow, and Chairman Burrows of the committee on privileges and elections expects them to confer with him. It is likely that the resolution will be recalled and sent to Mr. Burrows' committee.

Delay Until Fall Possible.

Several members of the Senate committee to be charged with the conduct of the investigation have campaigns on hand and it is possible that they will be unwilling to give the time necessary for the prosecution of the inquiry before fall.

SUBRENDER OF BRODERICK.

State Senator Indicted for Bribery Gives Himself Up. CHICAGO, May 30.—State Senator John Broderick, indicted by the Sangamon county grand jury, charged with giving a bribe of \$2,500 to State Senator Holst-law to vote for Lorimer for United States senator, surrendered himself to Deputy Sheriff Long here today.

PROMISES TO GIVE BOND.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 30.—There is a lull in the legislative bribery investigation by State's Attorney Burke today. As it is Memorial day, the grand jury is not in session and will not be until 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. State's Attorney Burke received word today from State Senator John Broderick of Chicago, who was indicted Saturday evening on a charge of bribing State's Attorney Burke to vote for Lorimer for United States senator, saying that Broderick would appear in Springfield tomorrow to give bond in the sum of \$10,000.

DEATH IN COLLISION.

Automobile Containing Four Baltimoreans Runs Down Milk Wagon. BALTIMORE, May 30.—In a collision between an automobile driven at high speed and a farm wagon on Park Heights avenue early this morning John J. McConnell was instantly killed and three other men were slightly injured. All were occupants of the car and were residents of this city. Howard L. Crise, driver of the machine, who was one of the injured, was arrested and charged with having caused the death of McConnell.

SHOOTS FATHER IN ANGER.

Van Pressly Barricades Himself and Refuses to Surrender. NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 30.—News reached here today that Van Pressly shot and killed his father, John Pressly, at Laurel Hill, Tenn., yesterday. The son became angry at his father because the latter refused to let him have a horse now.

MANY HOMES DESTROYED.

Tornado Sweeps Up the Elk Valley in West Virginia. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 30.—Many houses in the village of Guttrich were destroyed by a tornado which passed up the Elk valley a few miles north of Charleston, yesterday.

HAS DELAYED ACTION

Differences Among Employees as to Retirement Systems.

PROPOSITIONS CONFUSED

Superannuated Clerks the Sufferers in Consequence.

MORE DISMISSALS LIKELY

Post Office Department Official Says That He Expects Some Sad Scenes in His Department.

"The statement of a department official, recently printed in The Star, that selfishness, and I might also add greed, on the part of departmental employees in the matter of retirement for superannuation, more than anything else has delayed action by Congress on this matter," said a prominent member of the House committee on civil service reform today, "hits the nail on the head. I do not mean by that," he said, "that the selfishness and greed is with the unfortunate clerks who are so likely to lose their positions. But there are a lot of self-constituted politicians and street corner debaters who are seeking to gain something for themselves at this time when public sympathy is aroused at the condition of the civil service. They have received notice that they will not be needed after July 1. The question of an increase of pay for the clerks in general is one thing, and a provision to keep from the poorhouse those who seem to have no other means of support at this time is another. They should not be permitted to become entangled each with the other."

Mr. Gillett's Belief.

Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, the author of the bill for retirement act, is reported to have said in a recent interview that he is not committed to any plan, but that he believes in the idea of making the beginning, as an experiment, with the departmental clerks in Washington and securing for them the best that can be obtained. He stated that it will not be so difficult to extend the provisions for the relief of the superannuated clerks to the clerks in the District of Columbia. He also feels, it is said, that a conflict of opinion between the civil service reformers and the plan of retirement is not a good thing for the measure at this time. Congress has been so busy with other matters that it has not had time to do the necessary information to enable it to act intelligently upon the subject.

The great thing," said a member who favors the contributory plan, "is to get some action now that will relieve the poor souls who will be out of their positions in a few months. It is not a matter of what they will do in the future, but just as much entitled to the relief as any in the departments, and their need of it is more urgent than all the rest of the people in the country. It is declared, have sprung upon the clerks themselves who have been active in the movement to secure a superannuation retirement plan. It is not a matter of what they will do in the future, but just as much entitled to the relief as any in the departments, and their need of it is more urgent than all the rest of the people in the country. It is declared, have sprung upon the clerks themselves who have been active in the movement to secure a superannuation retirement plan.

More Dismissals Expected.

A prominent official in the Post Office Department said to a Star reporter today he felt certain that in this department would be soon witnessed a repetition of the scene which was witnessed in the post office at a few days ago, when thirty odd old employees who had been in the service and performed good work during their stay were turned out with a month's pay. Already he said, the postmaster General is seeking to ascertain in the law followed elsewhere who are the old employees whose hour of need is within their grasp. He has no choice under the law as it actually exists today but to turn out the old employees who are practically useless is found to be past.

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